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## **Listing of Claims**

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) A substrate for reducing odor, said substrate being porous and comprising a nonwoven, woven, or paper web, said substrate containing colloidal silica nanoparticles configured to adsorb one or more odorous compounds, said silica nanoparticles having an average size of from about 1 to about 50 nanometers and a surface area of from about 50 to about 1000 square meters per gram, wherein the

and a surface area of from about 50 to about 1000 square meters per gram, wherein the

silica nanoparticles are relatively nonporous and thus have a pore volume of less than

about 0.4 milliliters per gram.

32-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Original) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said colloidal

nanoparticles have an average size of from about 4 to about 20 nanometers.

36. (Original) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said colloidal

nanoparticles have a surface area of from about 100 to about 600 square meters per

gram.

37. (Original) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said colloidal

nanoparticles have a pore volume of less than about 0.3 milliliters per gram.

38. (Original) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein the solids add-on level

of said colloidal nanoparticles is from about 0.001% to about 20%.

39. (Original) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said colloidal

nanoparticles cover at least about 50% of a surface of said substrate.

40. (Original) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said colloidal

nanoparticles cover at least about 80% of a surface of said substrate.

thickness of less than about 1 micron.

- 41. (Original) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said colloidal nanoparticles are coated onto a surface of said substrate, said coating having a
- 42. (Original) A substrate as defined in claim 41, wherein said coating has a thickness of from about 2 to about 500 nanometers.
  - 43. (Original) An absorbent article that comprises the substrate of claim 31.
- 44. (Original) An absorbent article as defined in claim 43, further comprising at least one liquid-transmissive layer and a liquid-absorbent core, wherein said substrate forms at least a portion of said liquid-transmissive layer, said liquid-absorbent core, or combinations thereof.
- 45. (Original) An absorbent article as defined in claim 44, wherein the absorbent article includes a liquid-transmissive liner, a liquid-transmissive surge layer, a liquid-absorbent core, and a vapor-permeable, liquid-impermeable outer cover, said substrate forming at least a portion of said liner, said surge layer, said absorbent core, said outer cover, or combinations thereof.
  - 46. (Original) A paper product that comprises the substrate of claim 31.
  - 47. (Original) A facemask that comprises the substrate of claim 31.
- 48. (Previously Presented) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said silica nanoparticles are coated with alumina.
  - 49. (Cancelled)
- 50. (Previously Presented) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said substrate has a porosity such that from about 20 to about 500 cubic feet of air is

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capable of flowing through 1 square foot of said substrate per minute under a pressure

differential of 125 Pascals.

51. (Previously Presented) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said

substrate is a paper web.

52. (Previously Presented) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said

substrate is a nonwoven web.

53. (Previously Presented) A substrate as defined in claim 31, wherein said

silica nanoparticles consist essentially of silica or alumina coated silica.